

County Executive Isiah Leggett's package of "Quality of Life" Code Enforcement reforms is moving in the County Council – but progress on these issues depends on us communicating the importance of these issues to the County Council.

Already, the County Executive's initiative limiting heavy commercial and recreational vehicles in residential areas has been approved by the County Council and is law – and is making a difference.

And on October 6, the County Council approved the County Executive's Bill 23-09 which would limit the storage of inoperable, unused and unregistered vehicles in residential neighborhoods to 30 days.

So far, so good – two down, three measures to go.

But progress has stalled on ZTA 09-03, which is designed to further restrict the encroachment and expansion of home occupations into residential neighborhoods, as well as limiting the paving of front yards and limiting heavy commercial vehicles in residential zones.

The Planning, Housing & Economic Development Committee is recommending approval of the ZTA but with one big change. Their amended version would specifically allow small tow trucks to park in residential neighborhoods.

The County Executive opposes this change. If you do too, contact the County Council at county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov or by calling 240-777-7900.

Still pending before the Council committee are Bill 24-09 to limit permits on unfinished residential construction to 18 months (currently there is no deadline), and Bill 22-09 to speed up the process for resolving code violations.

More on those later. In the meantime, act today to promote Quality of Life in our neighborhoods by contacting the Council today.

For more detailed information on the County Executive's Code Enforcement Initiative, click on

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=5034